United Nations A/67/860–S/2013/270

General Assembly
Security Council

Distr.: General
7 May 2013

Original: English

General Assembly
Sixty-seventh session
Agenda item 33
Prevention of armed conflict

Security Council
Sixty-eighth year

Identical letters dated 6 May 2013 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council

I wish to draw your attention to the reports on the Israeli air strikes against Syria, on 3 and 5 May 2013.

The Islamic Republic of Iran expresses its deep concern over and strong condemnation of such provocative and unwarranted attacks. We believe that such criminal and irresponsible acts should be addressed by the international community, especially the United Nations and its relevant organs, for the following reasons:

- These blatant acts of aggression are serious violations of international law, particularly the norms and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, including its Article 2 (4) on the prohibition of the use of force against any Member State.
- Nothing can justify the use of force and act of aggression against a sovereign State, and the aggressor must be held accountable for any consequences stemming from this condemnable and illegitimate act which endangers regional and international peace and security.
- It is obvious that the attacks represent a serious escalation of tension and have grave destabilizing effects in the region.

I would urge you to address this issue of great concern to the United Nations based on the mandate bestowed upon you by the Charter for the purpose of the maintenance of regional and international peace and security and the prevention of further acts of aggression.

It would be appreciated if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 33, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Mohammad **Khazaee**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

13-32611 (E) 090513

Please recycle